The Library of Congress'

EARLY STATE RECORDS PROJECT

converted from the original microfilm held by the
Vincent C. Immel Law Library, Saint Louis University

through the generous support of a grant from the

Council on Library and Information Resources

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

KANAWHA BOARD,

TO THE

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

CHARLESTON:
HENRY S WALKER, PUBLIC PRINTER.

1872.

OFFICERS:

President,

WILLIAM F. GOSHORN.

Directors,

DR. JOHN PARKS, COL. A. B. JONES.

CHARLES HEDRICK, ESQ., JOHN L. CHARPES, ESQ.

Collectors,

C. P. SNYDER, FOR THE PORT OF CHARLESTON.

J. P. R. B. SMITH, FOR THE PORT OF POINT PLEASANT.

Treasurer,

C. D. REYNOLDS.

Secretary,

J. D. BAINES.

REPORT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

The Board of Directors respectfully submit to the Board of Public Works their semi-annual summary of receipts and disbursements, under section seven of an Act of the Legislature, pased March 3d, 1869.

They refer to the reports of the Secretary, Treasurer, Collector and Superintendent of the Dredge Boats, which will give more detailed information as to their operations since the 5th day of April, 1871, (at which time they assumed control of the improvement,) and its present financial condition.

RECEIPTS.

Gross amount paid to C. D. Reynolds, Treasurer, from 5th April 1871, to 1st November, 1871	$12,380 58
Of the above gross amount there was received from the Salt Company for tolls	834 87
From the Coal Companies	400 00

It is deemed proper to say that the tolls upon the river have been very much diminished on account of the exceeding low stage of the water, which has prevailed in both the Kanawha and Ohio rivers during the greater portion of the last summer and fall.

EXPENDITURES.

Total expenditures for conducting the operations of the improvement, from 5th April, 1871, to 1st November, 1871, amount to	$11, 418

DEBT OF THE IMPROVEMENT.

The debt of the improvement is as follows:

Ten bonds of the old issue, negotiated to the Kanawha and Ohio Coal Company, of the denomination of $500 each	$5,000 00
Two bonds of $500 each, negotiated to the Union Oil and Coal Company	1,000 00
One bond of $500, new issue, issued by former board to John S. Cunningham.	500 00
Twenty bonds of $500 each, new issue, issued by present board to W. G. Robinson	10,000 00
Due upon open accounts about	400 00
Total indebtedness	$16,900 00

Of the amount realized from the twenty bonds, new issue, issued to W. G. Robinson, the sum of $6,500 was applied to extinguish an equal amount of bonds of the old issue, issued to him by former Board; the residue, $3,500, was applied in part to pay the sum of $4,261 46, money borrowed by former Board of John S. Cunningham.

The Board has heard nothing of the missing bonds of the old issue, referred to in the reports of former Boards.

CREDITS.

The Collector of the port of Charleston reports drafts of the Kanawha & Ohio Coal Company in his hands extending from the 15th April, 1871, to 18th May, 1871, and amounting to	$1,337 54
Due from Union Oil & Coal Company (now in suit)	1,374 00
Due from Kanawha & Ohio Coal Company (now in suit)	2,945 25
Due from Steamers Charleston and Charley Bowen (jointly)	207 83
Total	$5,864 62

The Collector of the port of Point Pleasant has failed to make a report to the Board; the Board is therefore unable to give the amount of dues at that point.

Of the amount of $2,945.25 reported as due from the Kanawha & Ohio Coal Company, and now in suit, suit was brought upon the claim against the company by counsel of former Board in 1868 or 1869, and was dismissed for want of declaration filed. The suit has been renewed by counsel of present Board and will be upon the docket of the next court. The Kanawha & Ohio Coal Company have also two actions in trespass against the Board, one brought in February, 1868, claiming nominal damages to the amount of $20,000, the other brought in February, 1870, and claiming like damages to the amount of $8,000. In June, 1870, as appears by the records, these causes were submitted to arbitration, but no action, it seems, has been taken in the matter.

OTHER PROPERTY OF THE BOARD.

The property of the Improvement consists of two dredge boats, which with the machinery and equipments, are now estimated at the value of	$12,000 00
One Coal Boat	80 00
One Crane Boat	150 00
One Skiff	15 00
Patterns at Foundry (valued by former Board at)	500 00
Franchise	100,000 00
Total	$112,745 00

The Board knows nothing of the machinery referred to in reports of former Boards as not now in use, and estimated as of the value of $500

The above items include all the property of the Improvement which came into the hands of the present Board.

The Dredge boats were found in bad condition; they were repaired as well as circumstances would permit, and have been used effectively during the past season. The machinery of the boats was also much out of repair, but is now in good condition.

A new dredge boat will, in the opinion of the Board, have to be built for the operations of the next season. One of the old boats has been in use for the last ten or twelve years and is now deemed unfit for further service.

A new Crane boat will also have to be built as the present one is about worn out.

RECAPITULATION.

The Kanawha Board DR.

To mortgaged debt	$16,500 00
" Floating debt	400 00
	$16,900 00

The Kanawha Board. CR.

By amount of Tolls uncollected	$ 5,864 62
" other property	12,745 00
" franchise	100,000 00
Total	$118,609 62

IMPROVEMENT OF THE NAVIGATION.

The dredge boats commenced work on the 7th of June, 1871. They first dredged a landing for the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company, at St. Albans, working at that place five days. They then went to Scary Chute; thence to Johnson's Shoals; from Johnson's to Red-House Shoals, and from Red-House Shoals to Tackett Shoals. By reference to the report of Superintendent Gardiner, it will be seen that the two dredge boats have removed, during the season, about sixty-one thousand cubic yards of earth and gravel. This work, at 40 cents per cubic yard, the price formerly paid by the Improvement, would amount to the sum of $24,400; whereas, it will be seen by an inspection of the Treasurer's report that the work has been done at an expense of about $5,564.73—or less than ten cents per cubic yard. In addition to the work done by the dredge boats, one crane boat, with crew, has been at work removing logs and other obstructions from the channel of the river, adding materially to the improvement of its navigation.

BUOYS AND RING-BOLTS.

About three hundred buoys and a number of ring-bolts have been placed in the river during the season. Expenditures for the same were,

For the Buoys	$250 00
For the Ring-Bolts	71 17
Total	$321 17

All the boats belonging to the Improvement were placed in winter quarters at the mouth of Elk river, fourth November, 1871.

REMARKS.

Coupon bonds, Nos. 37 and 38 of the old issue, were issued to the Union Oil and Coal Company, which, in the year 1867, being then the holder of the bonds, became bankrupt on its own petition, in the

State of Kentucky. The Kanawha Board was named and notified as a creditor. The Board proved and filed its claim against said company, amounting to $1,374, giving credit for said bonds, and leaving a balance in its favor of $374. The Board sent its attorney to Kentucky in April last to attend to the matter, who reports that the bankrupt company did not surrender or name these bonds in the original schedule, but, that after the Board filed its account, giving credit for them, the company amended its schedule, naming and describing the bonds as part of its assets. The Board is advised that it is entitled to have the bonds cancelled and returned. The assignee in bankruptcy has not surrendered the bonds, but informed the Board by lettter recently that he had passed them to a Mr. Lea, of New York, and did not know whether he ought to require him to return them or not. Our attorney reports that it does not appear, by the proceedings in bankruptcy, that the assignee ever made a sale of the bonds, and advises that he had no right to do so. Some months ago a dividend of $44.06 was made the Board on said balance of $374, showing that the court recognized the fact of crediting the bonds on the account aforesaid, as extinguishing them. Our attorney further reports that he took a rule against the assignee in bankruptcy, requiring him to deliver up the bonds or show cause, on the fifteenth May last, at Louisville. The assignee has failed to deliver them over to the Board. No further proceedings have been taken on the rule.

No coupons have been presented for payment in the last three years for interest on said bonds. The Board, of course, will refuse to pay either the principle or interest of the bonds; and it will be its duty to hold the assignee responsible if he passes them to an innocent holder, who might be in a condition to compel payment. Should the Board succeed in getting these bonds canceled the bonded debt of the improvement will be $15,500 instead of $16,500 as before stated.

In closing this report the Board wishes to bear testimony to the general fidelity and energy of the officers and employees of the improvement.

THE KANAWHA BOARD,
By William F. Goshorn, President.

Office of the Kanawha Board, Charleston, V. Va. Nov. 1, 1871.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DREDGES.

To the President and Directors of the Kanawha Board:

GENTLEMEN: I have to report that I commenced work with the dredges on the 7th of June, of this year.

We first dredged a landing at St. Albans, for the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company, working on that job five days.

We then went to Scary Chute; at this place we removed about thirty thousand cubic yards of gravel.

We next went to work on Johnson's shoals, removing at that place about fifteen thousand cubic yards.

At Johnson's we tore down the old middle chute wall and built one across the old dug chute.

From that point we proceeded to Red House shoals; cribbed the wall at that place and filled in about fifty thousand cubic yards of material.

We also made a wall across the old dug chute of Red House, and lowered the right hand bar about seven (7) inches.

We then came back to Tackett shoals, at which point we widened the chute, removing about one thousand cubic yards of material.

It will be seen that, independently of the work done for the C. & O. R. R. Co., at St. Albans, we have removed about sixty-one thousand cubic yards of earth and gravel during the summer.

JOHN M. GARDNER.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

CHARLESTON, *November* 1, 1871.

To the President and Directors of the Kanawha Board:

GENTLEMEN: I present for your consideration the following report of the financial condition of the Board, together with an account of the receipts and expenditures during the time from March 28 to Nov. 1, 1871.

RECEIPTS.

Balance turned over by Claypool		532 93
Tolls collected by C. P. Snyder and turned over to Treasurer		6,934 61
" " " " " to be turned over 15th November		125 11
" " " Alva Hansford during year ending June 1, 1871		217 70
" " " A. M. Wilson to September 17, 1871		165 62
" " " J. P. R. B. Smith—No Report		
July 18, 1871. Proceeds of sale of seven Bonds to W G. Robinson		3,500 00
" " " Cash of C. & O. R. R. for work done		300 00
" 22, " " of Peytona C. C. Co, arrears of Tolls		500 00
Aug. 4, " " of Union C. & O. Co., in Bankruptcy, (dividend)		44 06
Sept. 20, " " of Peytona C C. Co., arrears of Tolls		477 52
		$12,797 55
Of the above amount of Hansford's collection he turned over to former Board	$ 96 00	
And retained for his salary	100 00	
Which amount deduct		196 00
Total receipts		$12,601 55

EXPENDITURES.

Total disbursements by Treasurer to November 1, 1871		$11,341 80
April 17, 1871, Commissions retained by C. P. Snyder		75 79
June 1, 1871, Salary retained by Alva Hansford		8 50
Commissions retained by A. M. Wilson		11 57
		$11,437 66
Deduct balance of contingent fund in hands of J. D Bains, Secretary		18 75
Total expenditures		$11,418 91
Total receipts brought over		12,601 55
Cash Balance		$1,182 64
The latter amount agrees with balances in the hands of Treasurer	$1,038 78	
Balance in the hands of Snyder	125 11	
Contingent Fund in the hands of Bains	18 75	
Total cash	$1,182 64	

CLASSIFICATION OF EXPENDITURES.

Amount of outstanding debts paid during the year	$4,224 55
Pay Rolls	2,743 39
Repairs	481 54
Supplies	788 80
Coal	170 50
Freights and Towing	168 85
Boarding Employees of the Board	616 75
For placing Buoys	250 00
For putting in Ring Bolts;	71 17
Salaries of officers, per diem of Directors, legal and other fees	948 66
Commissions on Tolls collected	514 85
Interest on Bonds and outstanding debts	659 80
Contingencies	80 05
Total expenditures	$11,418 91

SPECIFICATION OF DEBTS PAID.

Paid balance due Charleston Lumbering and Manufacturing Company	88
" Recorder's Fee, due 8th March, 1869	2 67
" Claim of J. S. Cunningham for money loaned to former Board	4,120 00
" " of J. L. Charles	101 00
	$4,224 55

BONDS.

The Board has out the following bonds, viz:

Nos. 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 87, 89 and 80 of old issue ($500 each) negotiated to Kanawha & Ohio Coal Company	$5,000 00
Nos. 37 and 38, old issue, ($500 each) negotiated to Union Coal and Oil Company	1,000 00
Nos. 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36 and 37, new issue, ($500 each) and negotiated to W. G. Robinson	10,000 00
No. 1 of new issue negotiated to J. S Cunningham	500 00
Total bonded debt	$16,500 00

BILLS RECEIVABLE.

Five drafts of Kanawha & Ohio Coal Company	$1,337 54
One draft of Peytona Cannel Coal Company	500 00
	$1,837 54
Add cash balance	1,182 64
Total assets	$3,020 18

Any further details in regard to the accounts of the Board will be furnished if desired; the Secretary having kept accounts of every transaction of this Board during the year, to date of this report.

I would respectfully suggest to the Board the expediency of adopting, hereafter, such regulations and system in regard to the Reports of Collectors of Tolls, as shall enable the Board to gather useful statistics relative to the comparative amounts derived from the different sources of revenue.

The Board having deemed it expedient to place in my hands a small sum of money, authorizing me to pay small bills against the Board and keep accouut of the same, I would report that the amount

placed in my hands was $200; that I have paid bills amounting to $181.25, which bills have all been approved by the Board, and that I have a balance in my hands of $18.75.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. BAINES,
Secretary of Kanawha Board.

To W. F. GOSHORN, *President.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

C. D. Reynolds, Treasurer, in account with Kanawha River Board.

1871.						
April	17	To amount received from	C. P Snyder, Collector at Charleston	$859 36		
	17	" " "	C. P. Snyder	96 67		
	28	" " "	John Claypool, former Treasurer	532 93		
						$1,488 96
May	16	" " "	C. P. Snyder	897 20		
	16	" " "	A. Hansford, Collector at Coalsmouth	3 00		
						900 20
June	3	" " "	A. Hansford, Collector at Coalsmouth	10 20		
	20	" " "	C. P. Snyder	1,568 49		
	21	" " "	John Charles, for A. M. Wilson, Collector at Point Pleasant	51 10		
						1,629 79
July	15	" " "	Cash	69 05		
	17	" " "	W. A. Kuper, work of dredge boats for C. & O. R. R.	300 00		
	17	" " "	C. P Snyder	643 74		
	18	" " "	New York, (proceeds sale of bonds)	3,500 00		
	22	" " "	Peytona Co., tolls	500 00		
						5,012 79
Aug.	4	" " "	Covington, (old debt)	44 06		
	15	" " "	C. P. Snyder	1,205 13		
						1,249 19
Sept.	19	" " "	C. P. Snyder	357 30		
	20	" " "	Peytona Co., Collections	477 52		
	21	" " "	A. M. Wilson, Collector at Point Pleasant	33 90		
						868 72
Oct.	17	" " "	C P Snyder			1,230 93
						$12,380 58

CREDITS.

1871.								
April	30	By amount checks paid during the month					$93 50	
May	31	" " "	"	"			484 26	
June	30	" " "	"	"			1,344 00	
July	31	" " "	"	"			1,192 08	
August	31	" " "	"	"			1,195 15	
Sept.	30	" " "	"	"			1,253 34	
Oct.	31	" " "	"	"			5,779 48	
								11,341 81
		Cash balance on hand						$1,038 77

In addition to the above there is held for collection, Peytona Cannel Coal Company's note, on account of tolls, for $500, due 20-23 November, 1871.

C. D. REYNOLDS, *Treasurer.*

Semi-Annual Report of the Collector of Tolls at the Port of Charleston, rendered on the 1st day of November, 1871.

Dr.		Cr.	
For the month ending with April 13th, 1871	$ 1,082 72	C. D. Reynolds Treasurer, by check April 15th 1871	956 03
" " " " May 15th	897 20	Paid by G. W. Atkinson to John Claypool, March collections	50 00
" " " " June 19th	1,568 49	Collectors commissions on $10,82 72 at 7 per cent	75 79
" " " " July 17th	643 74	C. D. Reynolds Treasurer, by check May 15th	897 20
" " " " August 15th	1,205 13	" " " " " June 19th	1,568 40
" " " " September 19th	357 30	" " " " " July 17th	643 74
" " " " October 16th	1,235 93	" " " " " August 15th	1,205 13
From October 16th to November 1st, 1771	125 11	" " " " " September 19th	357 30
		" " " " " October 16th	1,230 93
		Deducted from S. B. Kalbaugh's tolls	5 00
Total	$ 7,115 62	Total	$ 6,990 51

By tbe above it will be seen that there is a balance in Collector's hands of $125 11, the amount collected since last statement was rendered, which amount will be returned in statement for the present month.

I have also received the following drafts for tolls due from the Kanawha and Ohio Coal Company:

Drafts for	$228.21	dated	Arpil 15th	1871	.....	payable	seventy	days	after	date
"	"	230.62	"	May 11th	"	"	sixty	"	"	"
"	"	325.46	"	June 24th	"	"	ninety	"	"	"
"	"	325.47	"	" "	"	"	sixty	"	"	"
"	"	227.78	"	May 18th	"	"	sixty	"	"	"

The above drafts were all drawn on John A. Robinson agent, Cincinnati, Ohio, and have been duly protested for non-payment and returned.

Of the above $7,115.62 gross receipts of tolls, but $834.87 have been received for tolls on salt, owing to the suspension of manufacturing at all except three furnaces in the Salines. And but $400.00 of the above have been collected as tolls on coal shipped since I came into office. The receipts for the past four months have been greatly reduced owing to the exceedingly low stage of water in the river during that time.

Respectfully submitted,

C. P. SNYDER,
Collector.